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Serial No. 10/594,387 : Group Art Unit 1797  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 30, 2009, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: